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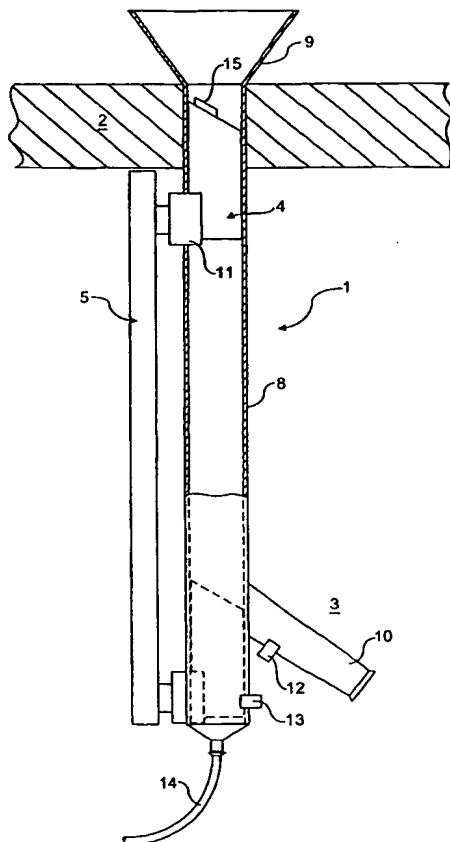
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to apparatus (1) for transferring flowable particulate material such as dry tablets (not shown) for example pharmaceutical tablets, from one station (2) to another (3). The apparatus (1) comprises a carrier (4) for the tablets, and means (5) externally of the carrier (4) for moving the carrier (4) between stations (2) and (3), the arrangement being such that the carrier (4) and the means (5) are not connected mechanically for movement of the carrier (4).

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